

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes  
September 21, 2005  
Conference Call

Members Present: Helen Jones, President  
Spencer Ellis, Vice President  
Lee Otto  
Gene Hardy

Youth Leadership Advisory: David Largent

Members Absent: Jack Corson  
Emily Horton  
Leif Udem  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Ben Way, Governor Freudenthal's Office  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 8:05 am on September 21, 2005.

### Issues

Gene Hardy said the ram sale was very good and the dollar value was the best ever. The PAB meeting had a good turnout and they seemed to be very supportive of the proposed legislation. They will all meet with the Joint Ag Committee in Powell on October 27 and 28.

Jim Schwartz said that at the State Fair Advisory Board meeting there was a resolution passed that every sheep that shows at the State Fair must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a veterinarian which has a doctor/client relationship with the owner of the animal and which attests to the fact that the animal has a minimum of three coccygeal vertebrae. He said after his trip to Montana, he has a new appreciation of the work being done in Wyoming on noxious weeds! He also talked some about the possibility of some legislation to use a portion of registrations to fund the weed and pest districts. He talked a little about the PRCA sanctioned rodeo at state fair. He said PRCA does not allow anyone under 18 to participate for liability reasons. It looks as though it may require legislative change to allow Wyoming participants under the age of 18 or just not to have a PRCA sponsored rodeo. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Livestock Board meeting in Casper this Friday beginning at 8 a.m.

Helen Jones asked the members for their ideas regarding a tree program for the State Fairgrounds. She hopes to meet with Mark Hughes from State Forestry and Barney early in October. She also reminded everyone of the Farm Bureau meeting November 10 - 12.

Spencer Ellis said the Wyoming Crop Improvement Association is concerned with the vacancies within the University because they don't appear to be filling them.

There doesn't seem to be much community support for the Polecat Bench Project so nothing is happening at the moment. Helen is very concerned about the future of the small water projects. She is going to write a letter to Mike Besson, at the urging of the members.

Lee Otto has been very involved in alternative energy, attending the "Roping The Wind" conference in Douglas and researching alternative fuels on the internet. He would like to continue discussion of this topic at future meetings.

Helen asked the following items be part of the agenda at the next meeting. She also asked each member to let her know what dates worked best for a meeting in November: PRCA rodeo; UW not filling vacant positions; small water projects - invite Mike Besson; and stability of energy - invite Ed Werner of CANDO.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Jones, President

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Date